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Ex-councillor avoids prison for sick porn

Former council chairman possessed extreme images of child abuse and bestiality

By William Mata

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FORMER Harlow Council chairman Ian Jackson has been sentenced for possessing images of child abuse and bestiality.

The 64-year-old, of Green Hills, was sentenced to eight months was sentenced to eight months imprisonment, suspended for two years, after pleading guilty to three charges last month. Between January 2012 and December 2015 Jackson down-

loaded four indecent category A and four category B still images of children, contrary to the Protection of Children Act 1978

In the same period he was found to possess 110 extreme pornographic images, including animal porn, contrary to the Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008. Police found the images on his computer in December 2015.

Jackson, a former Harlow Fire-bird Radio and Harlow Hospital Radio volunteer, was also given a sexual health prevention order for ten years at the sentencing at Chelmsford Crown Court on Thursday last week.

Judge Christopher Morgan said: "You have pleaded guilty to two offences of making indecent images of, four images of category A and four of category B. You also admitted possession of 110 images of extreme pornography. When interviewed about these you chose to make no comment."

Perpetrating

He continued: "By viewing such images you are perpetrating the abuse of children."

The former Liberal Democrat

councillor served in the ceremonial chairman position on the council in the mid-2000s. His portrait has been removed from the walls of the Civic Centre.

Before the sentence was read out Rakesh Sharma, mitigating,

acter who volunteers for Harlow Hospital Radio. He has had to give that up.

"He has suffered with depression, with that type of illness it does come and go. His wife and daughter are standing by and supporting him.

"This was a small number of images. These were downloaded some time ago, most recently over three and a half years ago.

"He had deleted all the images

said Jackson had been forced to stop his voluntary work. He told the judge: "This is a 64-year-old man of impeccable char-After the sentencing the Star

was approached by child abuse charity the NSPCC

A spokesman said: "Jackson's vile internet searches resulted in him downloading pictures of the

horrific abuse of children.
"Make no mistake, possessing images of child abuse is crime and helps to fuel a vile industry.

"Each time one of these graphic

pictures is taken a child is left with untold physical and psychological damage that can last well into adulthood."



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IN CRISIS: Council tax could be raised over two years to help pay for care for the elderly and vulnerable

Social care council tax rise a 'quick fix'

Politicians want overhaul of struggling system

By Sam Meadows

SENIOR politicians have called for a 'wholesale review' of the social care system after the Government announced council tax could rise by

Six per cent.

Councillor David Finch, the leader of Essex County Council, said raising council tax was a short-term fix and would put extra pressure on struggling

Tamilies in the county.

Communities secretary Sajid Javid confirmed on Thursday authorities will be allowed to raise council tax by six per cent over two years - capped at three per cent per year - to pay for

Mr Finch said: "I'm pleased the Government has finally woken up to the fact that social care funding is completely unsustainable. However, relaxing the cap on the social care precept for two years only provides short-term help, and places an extra burden on Essex families who are just about managing to get by.
"It will not address the £38million

social care funding shortfall Essex will be facing in the next financial year, which is why plans to allow local councils to use money from the New Homes Bonus scheme to plug the funding gap

"There needs to be a wholesale review of the system. Having lobbied hard for this over the past few years as the pressure has grown. Essex would want to play a major part in any work to create a sustainable care system for future generations."

Hayward, County Council's cabinet member for

resources, said no decision would be made without a 'rigorous democratic process'.

'Given the scale of the financial challenge in adult social care, we cannot ignore any opportunities to raise additional money to fund vital services which help older and vulnerable people live fulfilling and independent lives," he said.

independent lives," he said.
"We would prefer to avoid asking
for additional money from the
taxpayers of Hertfordshire, but as this
is the option presented by central Government to avoid causing hard-ship to many elderly and vulnerable people in Hertfordshire we will have to give it careful consideration.

"No decisions will be made until

our budget has gone through a rigorous democratic process in the new year.

Worker hits out at plans to fund help for elderly as a 'lottery'

SOCIAL care is at risk of becoming a 'lottery' if funding is not secured, according to a care worker with ten years' experience.

The worker, who wishes to be known only as Karen and lives in Mercury land, said underfunding would lead to greater scrutiny of how ill someone is before care is

She said care would end up being 'drip-fed' and vital services would be minimised.

She added: "It will become a lottery for whom is deemed needing urgent care, the criteria for help from Adult Care Services will be scrutinised and questioned.

"It will become less personcentred, which contradicts The Care Act, and more about money and

She said workers providing 'vital care' were under pressure to provide top quality services on a tight budget.

Regulated

"Raising council tax will mean people will be plugging the deficit for care needs," she said. "So using the council tax will just

mean any percentage will be added as and when the local authorities need more money."

She added: "Councils need to be honest about how they determine what they are spending their

"Government needs to recognise

this industry and protect it.
"Private for-profit care provision

needs to be regulated.
"Social services, adult care and councils and the Government need to liaise with the care community and take advice and understand there job role, not make decisions when they don't do the hands on side of the job.'



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Council's firm HTS taking over housing repairs and maintenance work 'to keep pound in Harlow'

A NEW company set up by Harlow Council is preparing to serve residents with their housing repairs and maintenance needs as well as look after the town's environment.

HTS (Property and Environment) will take over from Kier Harlow as their ten-year tenure draws to a close on January 31.

Residents can expect to see new vans with the HTS logo and operatives wearing new uniforms and HTS badges when the company rolls out its services in the new year.

The HTS team will continue to offer the services currently provided by Kier Harlow including the repairs and maintenance of council houses and buildings, as well cleaning the streets of Harlow and cutting the town's grass.

Managing director John Phillips non-executive chairman Michael Harrowven and finance director Alex Morris, will work alongside Harlow councillors Simon Carter, Bob Davis,



BOARD: Bob Davis, Alex Morris, Richard Strachan, John Phillips, Simon Carter and Michael Harrowven

and John Strachan, to provide the

services. Mr Phillips, said: "As a local authority trading company, we are currently working to get ready for trading At the moment, there are 350 people working for Kier Harlow who will transfer to HTS.

"As of February 1, we will deliver the same high level of service."

"We are a wholly owned company where a whonly owned company where we will be placing profits back into the council and keep the savings within the town," said Mr Phillips. HTS also strives to invest in

Harlow employment.
Mr Phillips, said: "We would like

to give the opportunity to local people and would like local contractors to work for us. We want to keep the pound in Harlow."

The company also plans to build

connections with schools and colleges by offering various apprenticeship schemes and work experience with the aim of offering every one in three vacancies to an apprentice up to ten in any year. HTS have chosen to support

Hastingwood charity St Clare Hospice with them named as their charity of the year

Two housing forums will run next year where residents can ask any questions they may have about the company.

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STRUT WARS: Boogie Storm perform in Harlow's Harvey Centre

FORCE AWAKENS: Fiona Joyce and Mary Alice are surrounded by Boogie Storm

Troupe's storming performance a Star Wars tour de Force

Talent show dancers show Harlow their Dark Side..

By William Mata

STORMTROOPER dancers Boogie Storm brought the power of the Dark Side to Harlow's Harvey Centre in a special performance.

The Britain's Got Talent 2016 finalists performed a routine outside the mall's new Cineworld multiplex which opened last week

Impressed

Boogie Storm, whom impressed Simon Cowell on their way to finishing third in the ITV series, also signed autographs and posed for photographs around their twin performances on Saturday

The group perform dressed as Stormtroopers from Star Wars and their presence was fitting for



SHOPPING MAUL: Danyele Higgins with Ashley Abbott dressed as Stars Ward character Darth Maul

the occasion with prequel Rogue
One opening the same weekend.
Bryan Young, Harvey Centre
manager, said: "Boogie Storm certainly wowed our shoppers on Saturday.
"Their performances were unbelievable, they really stopped

you in your tracks, Rogue One: A Star Wars Story is the biggest film of the year, so it is only fitting that we brought in an act that is so representative of this genre of film. Tickets are selling at an unbelievable rate so we encourage everyone to book their tickets now, especially for the evening shows.

Propelled

Boogie Storm were propelled straight to the final of Britain's Got Talent after lead judge Cowell selected them as his golden buzzer

Cineworld, the long-awaited town centre cinema, was opened two weeks ago with an advanced screening of musical La La Land.

Harlow Council chairman Edna Stevens cut a ceremonial film roll to declare the complex



SIGN ON: A trooper puts pen to paper



STORM FORECAST: The Britain's Got Talent finalists perform

Patients are wished PC REPAIRS an app-y Christmas

RESIDENTS are being advised to download a smartphone app rather than visit a chemist this Christmas.

Several pharmacies will be open in Harlow over the festive period but chiefs from the West Essex Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) are encouraging use of application Health Help Now

Rob Gerlis, chairman of the CCG, said: "Choosing the right health and care service is important as ever during the festive period and we have a digital tool at our disposal. Patients can also make use of additional GP appointments available by conclining to their protein." by speaking to their practice." Health Help Now can be downloaded from

Google Play and the Apple App Store.
The following pharmacies are open in Harlow on Christmas bank holidays.

Christmas Day: Harlow Pharmacy, Wych Elm, Harlow, from 9am to 8pm; Boxing Day: Harlow Pharmacy, Wych Elm, Harlow, from 11am to 10pm and Boots, Broad Walk, Harlow, from 8.30am to 5.30pm; Bank holiday Tuesday, December 27; Harlow Pharmacy, Wych Elm, Harlow, from 9am to 10pm; Bank holiday Monday, January 2: Harlow Pharmacy, Wych Elm, Harlow, from 9am to 10pm Boots, Broad Walk, Harlow from 10am to 4pm.



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EXTENSION: Work at the academy will involve building new classrooms, library, and reprographics room

Work on transforming primary academy with extension begins

WORK on the multi-millionpound extension at Longwood Primary Academy has begun

The academy will acquire four new modern classrooms, a reprographics room and a library once the work is complete in time for their new intake in September 2017.

Longwood Primary School became an academy in January 2015 and has since been praised for being within the top ten per cent for its improved KS2 results.

With a team of dedicated maths and English specialists, 99 per cent of parents say that they are happy with the progress

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their child is making.

The school also won an accolade for the Child Champion award in the Place2Be awards. Head teacher, Mr Hollinsley,

will be offering a tour for parents and carers to see the progress made by the school on Thursday, January 5, at 9.30am. No early release for woman's murderer

'I'm pleased my Claire's killer does full term'

By William Mata

FOUR years after he killed her daughter, a grandmother is pleased Mark Golds will not have his murder sentence reduced,

Golds, an ex-nightclub bouncer, inflicted 22 savage knife wounds on his partner Claire Parrish, 37, in their shared home in Copshall Close, Harlow, in July 2012.

Close, Harlow, in July 2012.
The victim's mother Christine
Parrish, 66, of Charters Cross,
Harlow, said the attack happened
in front of Claire's children and
that Golds lost his temper when she told him she wanted to end their relationship.

A police report said it followed a bitter row between the couple at a barbecue earlier that day

But after Chelmsford Crown Court gave him a life sentence, Golds had hoped to reduce his charge to manslaughter on the basis that he had been in the grip of a psychotic condition.

Snarling

Another police report said Golds, who was 46 at the time, was snarling and appeared deranged upon arrest screaming: "She was the demon is gone, I have killed her... she had Satan in her

After losing an appeal Golds took his case to the Supreme Court but this was thrown out by judges and Golds will serve the remainder of his 15-year murder sentence behind bars before being eligible for parole.

Mrs Parrish said: "I was so

pleased that justice has been done and he is not squirming out of it.

"I knew he was not mad. He lost his temper because Claire wanted to end the relationship. He has shown no remorse.

are pleased with the decision but it will not bring Claire back. Her children are growing up

which was for him to pay for what he has done. He has got life but he is going to come out and Claire is never going to come home.

The Supreme Court received the appeal in the summer but a press statement revealed that members were not satisfied that his self-control was substantially impaired by any

IN PRISON: Former

ter Stevie, 23, son Ronnie, 17, son Alfie, 15 and daughter Chrissie, eight. She also had one brother and three sisters.

Her mother continued: "She was brilliant, bubbly, funny and had lots of friends. It has never returned to normal. I used to think I had seen Claire every-where whenever I saw someone with blonde hair. It is a gap that is never going to be filled.

A statement released by the family read: "After four years of heartache and hell justice has

finally been done.

"The Supreme Court came to the decision Mark Golds lost his temper, not his mind. We love and miss you Claire."

FOUR YEARS ON: Murdered Harlow mum

without a mum. 'We have got what we wanted

psychotic condition. Claire Parrish had four children: Daugh-

Social services identify more than 12,000 county children in need

SOCIAL services are aware of 12,773 children in need in Essex according to figures released by the Government.

In 6,618 cases domestic violence was the reason for children being referred, with 4,981 due to mental health and 439 cases of sexual exploitation.

'Troubling'

Child abuse charity NSPCC publicised the statistics which a spokesman described as "troubling," especially considering a quarter of those referred nationwide were under the age of five.

The spokesman said: "It is troubling the number of children

particularly as a significant portion of those being referred are under the age of five.

"The fact that mental health was identified as a factor in more than a third of cases highlights why more than ever we need swift and appropriate help for those who are suffering with mental health issues.

"Mental health problems can be devastating whether they affect the child in need, or their family members at home."

Any child struggling with

mental health, whether their own or the mental health of a loved one, can call Childline on



SAD: More than 12 000 children





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Courtney gets so close to £250k but... he's FIRED!

The Apprentice finalist with Harlow links falls just short

By William Mata

COURTNEY Wood said he has 'mixed emotions', about not becoming Lord Sugar's business partner after finishing second on The Apprentice.

The novelty gift business boss from Thurrock, who considers himself made in Harlow, was fired on Sunday night's final of the BBC1 reality series.

But the 29-year-old said he has no hard feelings towards series winner Alana Spencer, who scooped the £250,000 investment to develop her luxury cake

Courtney said: "I have mixed emotions, I would have loved to have won but I do not feel like I could have done anything differently to have changed his mind.

Closest

"The final has to be one of the closest ones we have had. It was on a knife edge and I never once

thought I had it in the bag.
"Alana has got a good business model. I am happy for her. I do not have a single regret, I executed my plan to perfection. "I think Lord Sugar wanted a new challenge."

Courtney started his design career in Harlow, completing an internship at a company on the Oakwood Industrial Estate before it relocated to London.

Three years later he estab-

lished his own brand Bubblegum Stuff, which he said has received a lot of business on the back of The Apprentice and will now be his

Harlow every working day. I really enjoyed my time there. I have fond memories of Harlow."

In the 12th series of the reality show he was one of 18 candidates

After a series of trading tasks, interviews and hoardroom debates, both finalists had to show how their planned business models could operate with the help of previously fired contest-

They then had to pitch their plans to 200 industry experts, including Lord Sugar, and although most of the series was filmed earlier this year, Courtney only found out the result last

long few months. We really live in a mansion in London and only get one phone call a week to our

"We are away from our phones the internet and any contact with the outside world. It is tough but I

nearly a year.

" I originally applied in Janu-

immediate focus.

He said: "I used to drive to

to appear and over the 14 weeks of the televised job interview he managed to survive until the final

week.

He continued: "It has been a

enjoyed it.
"We have been living it for



CLOSE CALL: Courtney Wood and Alana Spencer in the boardroom

celebrity with people recognising

me in shopping centres."

Courtney said his finest hour was being the winning project manager for two tasks but he hopes to forget the time he did not

sell any jet skis at a boat show.

Lord Sugar said on air that he had a 'very difficult task', as both were 'very credible candidates'.

Terrifying

On the boss Courtney said: "He is the same on television as he is in real life. I really like him.

"I can describe the boardroom

"You have got really bright lights on you, it is uncomfortable and you are afraid you have not



UP FOR CUP: Courtney in the final with a product

Essex Police crack down on drug and drink drivers with 93 arrests

ESSEX Police officers have made 93 drink and drug driving arrests already this month in

their Christmas campaign.

The force will crack down on the crimes by telling perpetrators and their families how it feels to deal with the

Since December 1 65 drivers have been arrested on suspicion of drink-driving and 28 arrested on suspicion of drug-driving.

Adam Pipe, casualty reduction manager at Essex Police, said: 'My officers are better equipped than ever to detect drink and drug drivers on the roads but

everyone has a part to play in this effort.

"If you know someone who drives under the influence of drink or drugs please do the right thing this Christmas and report them by calling 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111."



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WINNERS: Jordan Banjo and Perri Kiely with, from left to right, Skye Stephens from Kingsmoor Academy; Caitlin Moylan; Mark Hall student Harvey Mead and Megan Spencer from Kingsmoor Academy

Students dance off with achievement certificates at awards night

PUPILS from two Harlow schools were presented with awards from members of Britain's Got Talent winners Diversity.

Jordan Banjo and Perri Kiely from the dance troupe presented achievement certificates to two students from Mark Hall Academy, First Avenue, Harlow and two from Kingsmoor Academy, Ployters Road, Harlow.

They were just some of many to be recognised at the Academy Transformation Trust Pupil Awards 2016, an event held earlier this month.

Skye Stephens, of Kingsmoor, and Caitlin Moylan, of Mark Hall, won the overcoming adversity award while Megan Spencer, of Kingsmoor, won the creativity award. Harvey Mead, of Mark Hall, won the charity fundraising

award. Corinne Franceschi, principal

Corinne Franceschi, principal at Mark Hall Academy, said: "Harvey has been an exceptional

fundraiser this year and a real driving force. He voluntarily collated numerous raffle prizes from various businesses around Harlow and volunteered his time to market our charity 10km walk

for charity Children With

Cancer. Harvey also designed the posters, collection sheets and liaised with the charity. "He has definitely shown that

"He has definitely shown that he supports the journey we are on to make both Mark Hall and our community a better place."



WORKOUT PLAN: Tony Durcan

'Why should we pay for your gym?'

THE police and crime commissioner for Essex has caused a stir by budgeting £44,000 to improve their staff

Roger Hirst has been criticised by Harlow Labour councillor Tony Durcan for his Essex Police annual budget, which also included spending £575,000 on IT.

Taxpayers will also contribute towards £600,000 to assist in ill health retirement and £75,000 on occupational health advice.

occupational health advice.

At the police and crime panel meeting into the budget, Mr Durcan asked Mr Hirst: "Why should Harlow residents pay for these items when locally we are getting worse services?"

He continued: "People want to

He continued: "People want to see more police out and about doing their job to keep the community safe, not in the gym or sitting at computers.

Funding

"We still don't know what the final increase will be but clearly we're going to have to dig deep to find the extra funding. "If people are having to pay

"If people are having to pay more, it is right that we question how it will be spent to ensure it addresses real need."

Conservative PCC Mr Hirst told the Star, in response to the gym funding question, that it is important for officers to keep

hysically fit.

He said: "The public expect that police officers are both physically and mentally fit for duty. Every year officers experience stresses on body and mind in the course of doing their job that most people at work will never experience.

"Providing equipment and support for officers so that they retain fitness and recover from injury quicker keeps them out working to prevent and reduce crime in communities.

"Buying new equipment is not for entertainment or leisure, it is for maintaining physical standards and performance."



LINE-LIP: Members of motorcycle club Rough Creed and their families meet at The Square before delivering presents to children on Princess Alexandra Hospital's Dolohin Warr

Bikers deliver Christmas cheer to poorly children

Motorcycle club members join Santa for a festive visit to hospital



NOT YOUR TYPICAL SLEIGH: Rob Pannell outside The Square in Harlow before the riders set off

By William Mata

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CHRISTMAS wishes of poorly children were granted by members of a motorbike group who completed a merry present drop.

completed a merry present drop.
Last Saturday, Rough Creed
Motorcycle Club revved off from
The Square, Fourth Avenue, Harlow, before riding around the
town and delivering gifts to
youngsters on the Dolphin Ward
at Princess Alexandra Hospital,
in Hamstel Road, Harlow.
The kind-hearted bikers also

The kind-hearted bikers also bought 60 tickets for members and families of Harlow Down syndrome support charity Upwards With Downs to attend Snow White, the Christmas production at The Victoria Hall Theatre.

Enjoyable

Pat Cleary, secretary of Rough Creed, said: "It was really enjoyable, we all had a good time out. "The first ride was in 2011 and

"The first ride was in 2011 and we have done it all but one year since, so this was our fourth ride the club has organised.

"As ever there was elation. We emailed the ward manager ahead to make sure it was OK and the nursing staff were so happy to see



GENERATION GAME: Riley Try and his father Del Try, or is that Father Christmas?

us arrive and donate the presents."
Rough Creed members and

Rough Creed members and their families assembled at The Square before riding over to Upwards With Downs headquarters in Parsloe Road, Harlow. Next, the bikers made their way

Next, the bikers made their way around Epping, Theydon Bois, Abridge and Ongar before riding back to Harlow and finishing at the hospital. Father Christmas, who had joined the group on the ride, then distributed toys to the children in the Dolphin Ward who

are aged up to 16.

Mr Cleary added: "We split the toys for those aged one to seven and for those aged eight to 16, we tried to make sure they were hos-

pital friendly. We brought everything from dolls to trucks, car carriers and building blocks.

"I would like to thank the public who donated the presents and the businesses that displayed our posters. The Post Office has been very supportive.

very supportive.

"Without a doubt we will do it again next year."

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POPULAR: Winter Walkies 2016 gets under way

Winter Walkies under starter's orders

DOG days are upon us as registration has opened for St Clare Hospice's annual fundraiser Winter Walkies. The 2017 edition will be held

on Sunday February 26 and organisers from the charity are hoping the 11th edition of the mass sponsored walk will be their most successful event vet.

More than 200 walkers and their furry friends are expected to join the stroll which will set off from the hospice itself in Hastingwood Road.

St Clare provides palliative

care to those with terminal and life-limiting illnesses. Donations and funds raised from events such as this are vital in meeting the £4million annual running

Dani De'ath, community fundraising lead, said: "Anyone is welcome to join us on this rural route across the beautiful Essex countryside – whether you are a dog owner or not.

"Just remember your wellies as it is likely there will be plenty of muddy feet and muddy paws.' Advanced registration costs £10 for adults and £5 for

children, which includes a free soup, dog medal and certificates for children. Walkers can also sign up on the day.
In addition the hospice is

holding the Cutest Canine Competition from Monday January 23 to Friday January 29 on their Facebook page. Entries should be made for this by Friday January 20.

For more information and to

register, call Dani De'ath on (01279) 773738, email dani@ stclarehospice.org.uk or see www.stclarehospice.org.uk/ event/winter-walkies



POOCH POWER: More than 200 are expected to take part in Winter Walkies

Christmas cheer on the menu for hospice staff and patients 'We will probably be roasting around 16 turkeys in the run up to Christmas'



CHEF: Samantha Hegarty, at St

By Sam Meadows

HOSPICE staff will be working to make Christmas Day as special as possible for patients and their

Workers at St Clare Hospice in Hastingwood will be on duty providing a tasty Christmas din-

ner on the day.
Samantha Hegarty is a chef at the hospice. She said: "The Christmas season is a very busy time for us in the kitchen.

Guests

"We will have two staff Christmas lunches to cook in the lead up, as well as the patient Christmas lunch on December 19 when we are expecting around 60

"If you add up all those Christmas dinners – we will probably be roasting around 16 turkeys in the



TASTY: Hospice staff will be serving delicious Christmas fare

run up to Christmas."
She added: "This year I will be working on Christmas Eve, cooking breakfast, lunch and dinner for the patients and their families.

dinner the next day. "One year there were 40 people for Christmas dinner on December 25 so there will be lots of carrots to peel and turkeys to The hospice's director Philip Ball said: "St Clare will be run-ning as usual over Christmas – the same as we do 365 days of the

"If patients need us, then we will be there. Christmas is a busy time of year for hospitals and GPs as so many patients want to make sure that they are at home over Christmas – December 23 is the busiest day for discharging patients at the hospital.

Team

"Our Hospice at Home team will be out in the community caring for people in their own homes over Christmas so that they can be with their families and sharing precious moments together.

■ To find out how to support the work of St Clare Hospice this Christmas and to make a donation, visit www.stclarehospice.org.uk



BUSY: Philip Ball, director of St

Skills shortage leads to higher than average unemployment

HARLOW is facing a "skills shortage" according to an employment expert.

Unemployment in the town is currently at 4.2 per cent, higher than the average in the east of England which is 3.7 per cent but lower than the national average of 5.1 per cent.

And Dave Cope, the manager of Harlow's Job Centre, said the biggest challenge facing the area was making sure residents have the right skills to take advantage of the opportunities available.

Challenge

"The massive challenge in the economy is the skills gap," he

"We have some very big projects on the horizon in the west of the county. The impact of the Lon-don Gateway development will mean the area requires skilled workers



CHALLENGE: Unemployment in Harlow is higher than the average in the east of England

"If you talk to employers involved, the priority is around logistics like trains and roads. The skill shortage in driving is reaching a point where some action needs to be taken.

"We're working with employers at the moment. Some of the costs of training are quite high for obvi-ous reasons and we are trying to bridge that gap because the skills gap isn't helping employers."

He also said the Job Centre is

working with companies to help people gain the skills they need.

He explained: "If you wanted to get a forklift license in Essex it is quite easy to get for an unem-ployed person and we have paid for lots of people to get them, but it's not necessarily what employ-ers want."

Manageable

Despite the numbers being higher in Harlow than the rest of the region, Mr Cope said it was a

'manageable" number. "I wouldn't say it's a problem,' he added. "Over the last year it's quite interesting as the number has remained steady

"This time last year it was two per cent higher that's actually quite static really. The figure hasn't varied that much."

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■ TRANSPORT

Did our MP contact firms?

EVEN as the disgraceful workers at Southern continue to show contempt for hundreds of thousands of passengers through continued strike action and as BA and Royal Mail prepare to compound the misery of the general public this festive season, Church Langley commuters were dealt a further blow this week.

The 418 bus operated by the ironically named TrustyBus announced their Church Langley to Epping service will cease as of

This comes after commuters faced annoyance and frustration of the service being reduced by half, price hikes and the daily occurrence of buses running up to an hour late, breaking down or simply failing to show at all.

Recently in the Star our MP Robert Halfon had waxed lyrical about taking the commuters qualms directly to the bus companies, perhaps he can explain via your pages exactly

Via email

WEATHER

Drivers have a need for speed

JUST like last year. I am heartened that fog, frost and poor visibility have not intimidated some road-users in Harlow in recent weeks.

Whether using minimal lighting, defective lights or no lights at all, they have all maintained their constant yearning for excessive speed on

A tribute to excellent eyesight, judgement and good old British tenacity not to let adverse conditions diminish their efforts. Priceless.

I have excluded cyclists from

this observation as most of them ride on the pavement.

Thanks.

L Richards Harlow

Halfon MP with a local business owner stow Christmas Market

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



THIS handsome robin has been submitted by reader and Harlow Star Tog Squad member Chinara Djumanalieva, taken recently at Parndon Mill Lock

If you have a photograph you have taken

in or around Harlow which you would like to be featured in the Star, email a high resolution, landscape copy in JPEG format, along with a brief description of where and when it was taken, to kerigh.palmer@

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SCIENCE

Is there really any proof?

IN Through the Looking Glass, Humpty Dumpty says: "When I use a word, it means just what I choose it to mean — neither more nor less."

Clare Harrison seems to have adopted this maxim with respect to the so-called Law of Attraction in her letter of December 15.

Philosophers of science use the term "scientific theory" to refer to an explanation of objectively verifiable phenomena that makes predictions by means

Ms Harrison claims the right to use the term "scientific theory" to refer to an antiscientific dogma for which there is no evidence, and which makes

no testable predictions.

I may choose to call a sheet of sandpaper "a slice of cheese"; nevertheless, it would still be inadvisable to put it in a sandwich.
Those who claim to have

evidence that "thought frequencies" can cause molecular changes in water are either deluded or they are lying.
It was this kind of magical

thinking in past centuries that inspired the execution of blameless women accused of witchcraft.
Rhonda Byrne wrote a book

called The Secret in which she claimed to have "discovered" the so-called Law of Attraction.

In the DVD of The Secret Lisa Nichols asserts that we receive bills in the post because our negative thoughts attract them!

The victims of accident, illness, and injustice are blamed for their own misfortune by advocates of the so-called Law of Attraction.

According to this poisonous dogma, if you are homeless or unemployed it is your own fault for thinking "negative thoughts"

Byrne and her apostles are essentially conservatives justifying the socio-economic

status quo. People suffering from disabling anxiety should avoid enriching these mumbo-jumbo merchants, and instead visit a doctor for advice and referral to a professional NHS therapist who will provide treatment free of charge

John Wake

THANKS

Watch safely returned

GREAT thanks to the person who found the gold watch that belongs to my niece at the Potter Street Garage and handed it in. We really appreciate it.

Gladys Hillery

■ GILSTON PARK

Irritated by comment

I WRITE with some irritation after reading your report titled Some myth busting must be done" (Star, December 15). What particularly perplexed

me were the comments made by Mary Parsons, a director of Places for People, the Developer of the planned 10,000 new homes to be built as part of the Gilston

Park development.
The comment that particularly irritated me was, "people have said that a bigger Harlow is not a better Harlow. But Harlow has to grow to be a better town".

Is an unelected person, who

has no connection with the area really qualified to make a public statement about our town

She also comments that "These homes are needed, and most people we have asked have agreed that".

Well. I have not spoken to one person who lives in the town, who welcomes the building of these houses.

Although it is East Herts council who have given the go ahead, it is Harlow where there will be the most impact.

I personally don't think people are prepared for the impact that this will development will have

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NEW YEAR

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have on such things as the Princess Alexandra Hospital.

on the town, in the impact it will

for homes OF course, we've got to build 10.000 homes in Harlow North (Star, December 15) in addition to 1.5million elsewhere in our

once beautiful country.

How else can we accommodate the extra 300,000 (600,000?) people coming here every year to settle? Terry Slater

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Christmas story told by children

BLOSSOMS Nursery youngsters sang carols and retold the story of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem in their annual nativity play.

The pre-school in Thornwood, Harlow, welcomed parents for the show, which also looked at how Christmas is celebrated around the world.

Together

Bobbi Chana, staff member at Blossoms, said: "Our children and team worked very hard to put this Nativity together.

"Parents and grandparents were invited to see the play and joined us with the classic singing

"It was very overwhelming, we are so proud of our children."



CAROLS: Blossoms Nursery enjoy the show



STAGE PRESENCE: Blossoms Nursery perform their Nativity



CHRISTMAS STORY: Mary and Joseph with the baby Jesus

IN BRIEF

Shoppers give generously

SAFFRON WALDEN: Accuro Saturday Play Club and the Under-19 Youth Project ventured out in the cold on Sunday morning to join in with the festive charity collections at Tesco.

People in Saffron Walden gave generously, with the collection raising a total of £314. Deputy play leader Dianne

Deputy play leader Dianne Carter was delighted with the amount.

She said: "We are so grateful to all the volunteers who helped on the day.

"And we also want to thank all those busy Christmas shoppers who donated to our wonderful charity."

To find out more about the charity, visit www.accuro.org.uk, email enquiries@accuro.org.uk or phone (01279) 870297.

Seatbelt woes

ESSEX: The county's parents are among the worst in the UK for making sure their children are wearing seatbelts, according to new data.

A freedom of information request revealed Essex Police logged 1,338 incidents of parents not adhering to the child seatbelt

The data took in the period from 2013 to 2015.

Research carried out by comparison website
Confused.com found that as a county Essex scored pretty badly.

The county is second from bottom in this regard.

Busy getaway

STANSTED: Tomorrow is set to be the busiest of the Christmas getaway for flyers. Stansted Airport expects a

Stansted Airport expects a total of 43,000 passengers to jet out to one of 170 destinations tomorrow

In total, more than 1.2 million passengers are forecast to travel through the airport over the festive period.

But the busiest overall day will be December 30.

On this day more than 80,000 passengers will pass through the terminal.

Around 3,000 people are also expected to fly in and out on Christmas Day itself.

For the first time, passengers passing through the security search area will hear Christmas music to help get them in the Christmas spirit.

Youngster's volunteering brings sporting plaudits

Teenager makes sure Essex's grassroots events goes off smoothly



AWARD: Saul Lintonbon-Baker accepts his accolade for his volunteer work

By Charlotte Page charlotte.page@

hertsessexnews.co.ul

A 16-YEAR-OLD boy from Harlow has won the accolade for Young Volunteer of the Year at the Active Essex Sports Awards.

Saul Lintonbon-Baker took the title at the ceremony held at Chelmsford racecourse on December 7, for his volunteer work to sport throughout the town.

The young volunteer award is presented to someone who has made an outstanding contribution to local sport to which they deserves recognition.

For the past three years, Saul has been a volunteer assistant at Harlow Penguins Swimming Club and this year has taken on the role of a swimming instructor.

Saul has also volunteered to marshal at the Harlow Park

Runs after he started working with the Harlow Junior Park Run as a run director three months ago.

He played a vital role in the team at the first Junior Park Run when it began five weeks

Yet Saul does not just participate at the sporting events themselves but also works endlessly behind the scenes and this year he helped to plan and advertise Harlow's Big Bike Ride which was organised by Hub and Spoke at Bush Fair.

Ride

When the ride went ahead, Saul volunteered as a marshal for Church Langley

for Church Langley.

All of Saul's volunteering has taken place while also completing his GCSE's at Sir Charles Kao UTC.

Saul was nominated for the award by event director of Harlow Junior Park Runs, Catherine Penketh where he was then automatically entered by Active Harlow for the awards. She said: "Saul is on the core team of volunteers for Harlow Junior Park Run.

"Although we have only had six events to date Saul has proved to be an indispensable member of the team.

"He has been helpful with the planning stages and has been willing to travel to other junior park runs to see how they are run. "He helps set up and close down the course most weeks

down the course most weeks and is a positive and encouraging marshal to the children who are running and also regularly leads the warm up for the children, considering he is not much older than some of those taking part he leads them in a mature and professional manner.

The entire team involved in the park runs are said to be impressed with the commitment and attitude of Saul and he makes a good role model for others.



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Head teacher credits 'experienced staff'

Harlow's best performing school for the second year

By William Mata

william.mata@hertsessexnews.co.uk

Community Primary School has been ranked as Harlow's best performing school for the second year in a

school, in Little Grove Field, Harlow, defended their top ranking while Cooks Spinney Primary Academy and Roydon Primary school also performed well.

Tim Voss, head teacher at Hare Street, praised the varied curriculum and hard work of staff behind 84 per cent of pupils achieving an expected standard and 16 per cent achieving a higher standard.

Fantastic

He said: "It is absolutely fantastic. We are really pleased and proud of the boys and girls here.

"I think it is to do with the experienced and established staff we have got here who work with the children over the academic

year.
"The thing that does make a difference is having a balanced curriculum. I shows a broad and balanced curriculum brings suc-

The Government released fig-



ures last week based on Key Stage 2 SAT results from across the country

A school is deemed above the benchmark standard if 65 per cent or more of students meet the expected standards in core subjects mathematics and English.

Mr Voss has been at the helm for 16 years and said this result

ranks among the school's best. He added: "This year's results compares favourably.

"They show that after the past five years we have maintained a high standard at Hare

RESULTS

A	В	С	A	В	С
Abbotsweld	30	0	Longwood	57	4
Church Langley	59	2	Milwards	46	0
Churchgate	68	12	Pear Tree Mead	62	4
Cooks Špinney	80	16	Potter Street	43	0
Freshwaters	31	0	Roydon	75	7
Hare Street	84	16	St James'	60	4
Harlowbury	58	4	St Luke's	41	4
Holy Cross	76	12	Tany's Dell	60	0
Jerounds	55	5	The Downs	43	0
Kingsmoor	38	0	The Henry More	53	5
Latton Green	67	15	Water Lane	54	4
Little Parndon	35	7	William Martin	38	0

■ A: School name; B: Percentage of pupils achieving expected standard; C: percentage of pupils achieving higher standard



CAKE OFF: Kiddi Caru Day Nursery in Harlow turns 12

Nursery kids tuck into double celebration cake

KIDDI Caru Day Nursery, in Kiln Lane, Harlow, celebrated its 12th birthday and Christmas in one big party.

House chef Natalie Wright baked a duel-purpose cake which had half decorated for both occasion. Their children, aged five and

under wasted no time to tuck in Louise Farrow, nursery manager, said: "Natalie is a

fantastic chef and she really

outdid herself with this year's birthday and Christmas cake.

"We can't believe we've been open for 12 years now, the time flies by so fast, especially when you consider all of the children we have cared for in that time.

The party was wonderful and it was lovely to see all the children having fun while enjoying Natalie's fabulous

POINT TO PROVE: Mark Ingall of

Labour sends Tories a message over road safety

HARLOW councillors voted to lobby for more roadside safety measures and better repairs for road surfaces.

In his first motion at a full council meeting, Labour councillor Mark Ingall received full support from his party to pass the item, despite facing opposition from the Conservative group.

Mr Ingall attacked Essex County Council for, what he described as, making residents wait months and years before acting on potholes and not implementing traffic calming

He said: "There are about 4.500 potholes in Harlow, not to mention the other hazards on

'It is time we sent the Tories (at County Hall) a strong and urgent message."

Pride

Mike Danvers, who seconded the motion, added: "Let us have some pride in our town. To have pride in the town we need to make it look good and right now it is an embarrassment, it looks like a third world country.'



GROWING PROBLEM: A pothole in Harlow

By passing the motion Harlow councillors will collectively urged the county council to: oritise road repairs to residential streets in Harlow, commence traffic schemes to

improve residents' safety and ensure the allocation of its road repair budget to reflect the higher density of usage in Harlow compared to other parts of the county.

Too hard

Both UKIP members of Harlow Council voted with Labour at the meeting tonight, but the opposition, led by Tory councillor Andrew Johnson, felt the ruling party was being too hard on County Hall.

Mr Johnson, whose father and fellow Harlow Conservative

council cabinet member for highways and transport, said: "Looking at the local network there are 117 miles of road in Harlow out of 3,109 in Essex.

"Considering this I think Harlow is getting more than its fair share. I know that Essex County Council is reducing priority one and two potholes.

Before the meeting's proceedings began council chairman Edna Stevens led Council member Guy Mitchinson who died last week.

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with several of other timewasting call examples to warn people that calling 999 should not be taken lightly.

Other calls included an individual asking what time betting shops close and another asking for a lift home A third reported simply that he

Chief superintendent Pippa Mills of Met Police said:

"Although the majority of people who require police assistance use the numbers correctly, there are still too many calls to emergency lines where the 999 number is being used as an information

"In many cases a simple internet search would provide the answer to the question posed by the caller.'



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UMBER: 2015017

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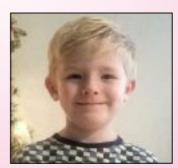
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WHEN: Until Saturday, December, 24, 10am-5.30pm HOW MUCH: Adults £9, children £24.95. members

prices available. VISIT: willowsactivityfarm.com

TEL: 0870 129 9718

Meet Santa and receive a golden key to enter his

toy shop and choose a gift. Visit the teddy bear workshop and meet some reindeer. Plus skate on the magical ice rink (synthetic) as well as meeting the farmyard animals.

CINDERELLA PANTOMIME

WHERE: St Francis College Theatre, Broadway,

Letchworth G.C, SG6 3PJ **WHEN:** Tuesday, December 27-Friday, December 30,

1pm and 5pm **HOW MUCH:** Tickets £8-£12

VISIT: ticketsource.co.uk/spads
Performance from the Letchworth's Song,
Pantomime and Drama Society (SPADS). All the

usual fun of a pantomime.

CHRISTMAS AT ST MARY'S

WHERE: St Mary's Church, Churchyard, Hitchin, SG1 WHEN: Christmas Eve

VISIT: stmaryshitchin.co.uk

TEL: 01462 452758

Enjoy a 4pm crib service, 7pm candlelit carol service and 11.30pm candlelit midnight mass. All

PETER PAN

WHERE: Gordon Craig Theatre, Lytton Way, Stevenage, SG1 1LZ

WHEN: Until Sunday, January 22, various performance times.

HOW MUCH: £16 VISIT: gordon-craig.co.uk TEL: 01438 363200

Tom Lister from Emmerdale stars as Captain Hook in this swash buckling extravaganza. Plenty of adventures aboard his pirate ship as well as taking



Peter Pan at the Gordon Craig Theatre



PAST AND PRESENT **LETCHWORTH**

WHERE: Broadway Studio and Gallery, 2 The Arcade, Letchworth, G.C. SG6 3EW

WHEN: Wednesday to Saturday until February 2017
VISIT: broadway-letchworth.com

An exhibition created to explore the counter-culture and radicalism in the Garden City, displaying works from the Letchworth Garden City Collection to reveal the town's bohemian and progressive past

MUSIC AT THE MARNE

WHERE: The Marne, Thorley Park Centre, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 4EG

WHEN: Friday, December 23, 7pm HOW MUCH: Free TEL: 01279 652101

and it legacy today.

Enjoy some live music for the Christmas celebration. Various artists performing including Ella Brand who recently recorded her debut LP.

SLEEPING BEAUTY

WHERE: The Market Theatre, Sun Street, Hitchin,

WHEN: Until Saturday, December 30

HOW MUCH: £10 tickets VISIT: markettheatre.co.uk TEL: 01462 433553

One of the greatest classics of all time. Re-written for the intimate theatre and more of a Christmas play than a traditional panto. Humorous and very magical.

WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

WHERE: The Windmill Pub, Charlton WHEN: Monday, December 26, 10.30am HOW MUCH: Free

EMAIL: stevemacsweeney@msn.com A Boxing Day walk on the wild side. Join Steve or John on this local walk around Hitchin's countryside enjoying the wildlife, trees and changing seasons.

Everyone is welcome. Bring binoculars and sensible walking boots. CINDERELLA PANTOMIME

WHERE: The Spotlight, High Street, Hoddesdon,

EN11 8BE

WHEN: Until Friday, December 30 HOW MUCH: Adults £19, children £17 VISIT: broxbourne.gov.uk

TEL: 01992 441946

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CINDERELLA

WHERE: Rhodes Theatre, 1-3 South Road, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 3JG WHEN: December through to Saturday, January 7, various times HOW MUCH: Adults £18, children £16 VISIT: rhodesbishopstortford.org.uk

TEL: 01279 710200

Following the adventures of this classic fairytale character on her magical midnight journey and her quest to find her prince



The classic rag to riches tale with a good dose of love and jealousy thrown in. Pantomime fun, with

various times **HOW MUCH:** Adults £19, children £17

laughs, song and dance. **BOXING DAY WIMPOLE WALK**

WHERE: Wimpole Farm, Arrington, Royston, SG8

WHEN: Monday, December 26, 11am-4pm VISIT: nationaltrust.org.uk/wimpole TEL: 01223 206000
If you need to stretch your legs and get some fresh

air, Wimpole Park grounds are open to wander around. Why not treat yourself to a coffee or hot chocolate to keep your hands warm, from the Stable Shop and Café which will also be open.

MUSIC AT THE MOON

WHERE: Half Moon Pub, 31 North Street, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 2LD
WHEN: Wednesday, December 21, 8.30pm-11pm

TEL: 01279 834500

Open mic night, open to everyone. Go along and play a set or just sit back, relax and enjoy the live music from the best of the local talent.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

WHERE: 20 Churchgate, Hitchin, SG5 1AB

WHEN: Tuesday, December 20-Saturday, December 24. open until 3pm

VISIT: hitchinmarkets.co.uk TEL: 01462 456202

Enjoy the exciting atmosphere of a festive market in the heart of Hitchin with all the usual stalls including mulled wine and roast chestnuts. Plus, Father Christmas himself will be visiting

CHRISTMAS FAIR AND SANTA'S GROTTO

WHERE: Shepreth Wildlife Park, Shepreth, SG8 6PZ WHEN: Until Saturday, December 24, all day HOW MUCH: Adults £11.95, children £9.95 VISIT: sheprethwildlifepark.co.uk

TEL: 01763 262226

Visit the wildlife park, enjoy the Christmas fair and visit Santa in his grotto. Take a walk around the park and visit the animals as well as enjoying the many daily events that are on. These include a birds of prey display, otter feeding and a talk on meerkats.

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

WHERE: Harlow Playhouse, Playhouse Square,

WHEN: Until Wednesday, January 4



St Mary's Church Hitchin



Serina Mathew and Richard Munday will star in Harlow Playhouse pantomime Beauty and the Beast HOW MUCH: £15.50-£21

VISIT: harlowplayhouse.co.uk TEL: 01279 431945

Join Beauty and her incredible extended family on

an extraordinary trip full of twists and surprises

FESTIVE FALCONRY

WHERE: Audley End House, Off London Road, Saffron Walden, CB11 4JF

WHEN: Tuesday, December 27-Thursday, December

29, 11am-3pm

VISIT: english-hertiage.org.uk
Witness graceful hawks, elegant owls and fearsome
falcons in an impressive display with the bird handlers. Watch the birds in action and hear how food was caught for the Christmas dinner table.

CHRISTMAS EVE PARTY

WHERE: The Square, Fourth Avenue, Harlow, CM20

1DW

WHEN: Saturday, December 24, 8pm HOW MUCH: £8

VISIT: thesquareharlow.com TEL: 01279 305000

Billed as the best rockin' and rollin' Christmas Eve party around. Live music.

FOREST WALK

WHERE: Hatfield Forest, Takeley, Bishop's Stortford,

WHEN: December

VISIT: nationaltrust.org.uk/hatfield-forest

This ancient royal hunting forest is the perfect place for a winter stroll.

Follow the path around the lake, wander through the woods and enjoy a hot drink at the café before browsing in the small gift shop.

The café and shop are open over the festive period

except for Christmas Day.

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Thriller that gets lost in space

eautiful people perform ugly acts in Morten Tyldum's intriguing sci-fi thriller, written by Jon Spaihts (Doctor Strange, Prometheus).

Set on a labyrinthine spaceship hurtling through distant galaxies, Passengers is a glossy meditation on solitude and self-sacrifice that loses its way in a messy and deeply unsatisfying final act that seems to have been cleaved from a different picture.

Interpersonal dramas and moral conundrums that germinate in the opening hour are trampled by slam-bang pyrotechnics reminiscent of the Oscar-winning thriller Gravity, albeit without that film's immersive, jaw-dropping aesthetics.

There are undeniable, base pleasures watching Jennifer Lawrence and Chris Pratt in various states of undress at the centre of this muddle, including a couple of steamy bedroom scenes and an inventive swimming sequence in zero

Moments of imagination and

Passengers

SCI-FI: (12A) 116 minutes Director: Morten Tyldum Starring: Jennifer Lawrence, Chris Pratt Michael Sheen, Laurence Fishburne, Andy Garcia

verve are depressingly scarce though, and a proper resolution has apparently been sucked out of one of the airlocks.

Instead, screenwriter Spaihts resorts to a series of disaster movie tropes to up the ante for his stricken central duo.

All that's missing is a wily extra-terrestrial predator hidden in one of the cargo bays to tear through that beautifully exposed, gym-toned flesh

Mankind searches for new planets to inhabit and the Starship Avalon launches, loaded with 258 crew and 5,000 passengers in deep sleep, bound for the distant colony of Homestead II.

The journey from Earth will take 120 years, predominantly on autopilot, but a meteor shower



causes a malfunction to the ship's central computer.

Hibernation pods malfunction and mechanical engineer Jim Preston (Chris Pratt) and iournalist Aurora Dunn (Jennifer Lawrence) wake prematurely.

They discover they cannot reset the pods' sleep command and must spend the rest of their lives with the ship's robot bartender Arthur (Michael Sheen) while friends and loved

ones slumber peacefully and defy the ravages of time for the next 90 years.

As they come to terms with their predicament, romance sparks between Jim and Aurora

When crew chief Gus Mancuso (Laurence Fishburne) is also roused early by a software glitch, a shocking secret is exposed that undermines the couple's relationship

"The drowning man will always drag somebody down

with him " notes Mancuso cryptically, before a series of failures in the computer mainframe threatens the safety of everyone on board Avalon.

Passengers is a missed opportunity that relies on the white-hot star wattage of Lawrence and Pratt to keep us

They make the most of slim pickings in Spaihts' misfiring script, drawing on halcyon days in The Hunger Games and

Guardians Of The Galaxy respectively for action set-pieces.

Supporting performances are largely redundant, including Michael Sheen as the automaton bartender, whose intentionally lifeless performance exemplifies the lack of heart beneath the picture's expensive, shiny

Damon Smith

RATING: Fair

At cinemas from December 21.



TIME FOR A DRINK: Michael Sheen and Chris Pratt

BEST FILMS OUT NOW

A Star Wars Story

Gareth Edwards' spin-off prequel to the original Star Wars is an action-packed tale of resistance fighters taking on the overwhelming power of the Galactic Empire. Felicity Jones is a fiercely independent and reluctant hero who leads a motley crew on a mission to steal the plans to the Death Star, the ultimate weapon of mass destruction that her father helped design. Neatly and ingeniously dovetailing with Episode IV of the space opera, Rogue One blends spectacular set-pieces with gritty action and interesting characters to produce a worthy addition to the Star Wars saga. There are no Jedis in this outing, but the new faces make your forget that – plus some familiar ones are on hand to rekindle the old magic. Most impressive.

Moana

After the incredible worldwide success of Frozen (more than a \$1 billion in box-office receipts), Disney's next big animation is



REBELS: Diego Luna and Felicity Jones in Rogue One

another winning tale of triumph over adversity with a strong female character leading the way. Drawing on Polynesian legends, it's the tale of a chieftain's daughter, Moana, who defies her father's wishes to journey out to the open sea to try to find out why their island is losing its fertility. Her adventure involves a cocky demi-god, a lava monster and the dumbest hen on the planet Beautiful visuals, an affecting storyline and engaging characters makes for another big Disney success.

The Eagle Huntress

Girl power is to the fore again in this mesmerising documentary that has a Star Wars link – it's produced and narrated by Daisy Ridley, star of The Force Awakens. It's the powerful story of a 13-year-old Kazakh girl in a nomadic Mongolian community who aspires to be the first female eagle hunter in 12 generations of her family. This is a stunning rites-of-passage feature which has a limited release but is well worth seeking out. DW



SPECIAL SCREENING: Jake Gyllenhaal (left) stars in Donnie Darko, back in cinemas this week

CAN it really be 15 years since Donnie Darko arrived on the big

The directorial debut of Richard Kelly was an instant cult classic even if it didn't light up the box office on its release in 2001 largely due to problems with distribution.

Yet the film found an audience, with Brits especially fond of it

and word of mouth making it one of the must-see movies of the early 2000s.

Now it's back in cinemas for its 15th anniversary with a 4K restoration thanks to Arrow

The tale of the troubled teen of the title, it starred Jake Gyllenhaal as Donnie who's prone to sleepwalking and has

an imaginary friend with a difference - he's a sinister six-foot rabbit called Frank

Throw in time travel bits of falling planes and the end of the world as well as the customary teenage angst and a great soundtrack, and you've got a cinematic treat. Darryl Webber

Donnie Darko is out from Friday, December 23.

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hris Pratt is literally jumping with joy at the thought of his new movie Passengers being released

"I can't curb my enthusiasm," grins the suited star, as he lifts himself out of the chair and kicks his legs in the air, much to his co-star Jennifer Lawrence's amusement.

"I love movies. I love going to the movies," says Minnesota-born Pratt, 37. "This is a great movie. I'm really excited for people to finally see

"We worked really hard over the last year making it. It was the best script I've ever read and I think we got it right, so I'm dying for people to go and see it."

Kentucky-born Lawrence 26 elegant in a floor-length floral dress, is nodding in agreement.

"I think it's a nice escape," she adds. "It's a great setting. It's a very intimate, human story on a beautiful ship, with dire consequences."

In the sci-fi action thriller, the Hollywood stars play strangers Jim and Aurora, two people who've decided to leave Earth and embark on a 120-year journey to another planet to be part of a new colony called Homestead II.

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Only, their hibernation pods wake them 90 years too early and, as the ship teeters on the brink of collapse, they're forced to unravel the mystery behind the fault.

"The ship is falling apart," Pratt explains. "Robots start to malfunction, lights flicker on and off. Ultimately, our characters find out there's a reason why it's malfunctioning and we're suddenly in a desperate situation, trying to fix a problem to save not only our own lives, but the lives of all of the other passengers on the ship."

It appears that humanity's on the cusp of a new era of space travel, and Pratt believes "there's a longing to be an adventurer" in all of us.

"To get out and explore and head off into uncharted territories," says the actor, who famously transformed from plump slacker Andy Dwyer in hit TV comedy Parks And Recreation to buff action star in movies like Guardians Of The Galaxy and Jurassic World.

"I think it's something that appeals to all people, and it has since the beginning of time. It certainly does to these two characters, they're looking for something and where they end up is much different to where they were expecting.

He doesn't want to ruin any surprises, but the father-of-one (he's married to actress Anna Faris) cheekily adds: "It's safe to say they find what they didn't even know they were looking

Describing Jim as 'kind of a throwback', Pratt adds: "He's very much a working-class guy. He's considered a desirable trade, as a mechanical engineer, because he'll be helping to start a civilisation. If something breaks, he'll be there to fix it."

The actor's "very different" to his alter-ego, comments
Lawrence, a four-time Academy



Award-nominee who endeared herself to millions when she tripped en route to collect her est Actress Oscar for Silver Linings Playbook in 2013.

"Jim acts like he's never really had a girlfriend, and he doesn't really know how to behave around women; that's charming

and sweet but it's not like Chris at all, who's married and funny," she observes. "It was interesting to watch him go from Chris Pratt to a shy, insecure, romantic

In contrast, Aurora is a New York writer on the assignment of a lifetime - to be the first person

in human history to make the round trip.

"It's such a huge decision to make," notes Lawrence of her character's challenge. "You have to start a brand new life on a brand new planet that you've never been to, and when you arrive [back on Earth], everyone

vou know will be dead.

"I can't imagine saying goodbye to everybody I know and love. I understand her thirst for more, but I don't think I could make that kind of permanent decision.

Their spaceship, Avalon, is a character in itself, something Pratt describes as "part badass spaceship, part luxury cruise liner", with fine-dining restaurants on board, high-end stores, sports courts, a cinema and observation deck - which all made for an interesting time on set.

"Everything was beautiful and interesting," recalls Lawrence, "It was a different atmosphere for a movie.

There's also a swimming pool, which Aurora's doing a few laps in when the ship's gravity fails. Although no stranger to action sequences, The Hunger Games star describes the scene as "probably the hardest thing I've ever shot"

"Spending that much time in a pool, water up my nose, everywhere... But it was amazing when I saw the CG example of what it was going to look like, I was really excited. I've never seen anything like that in a movie," she reveals.

There's also a scene which sees the two of them take part in a dance-off, something Lawrence found almost as uncomfortable to shoot – but for very different

reasons

"Oh, Jen loves to dance," Pratt

"I'm doing a ballerina movie next and I was just on the phone with the director yesterday," reveals Lawrence. "They asked, 'How's dance lessons going?' I was like, 'I can't! I don't know if you understand what's happening! I don't think you get

While Lawrence battled with showcasing her best moves on screen. Pratt didn't share her feeling of discomfort.

Nor did he have any qualms about stripping off.

"Oh yeah, my bottom, you see it a couple times in this movie,' he admits, grinning.

"I felt fine about it. I wasn't fully naked, because they give you something to cover vourself.

"It's a sock," whispers Lawrence, before changing her choice of description to "sack", and the pair of them double up with laughter.

"Yeah they give you like a 'sack sock'," continues Pratt, once they've calmed themselves.

"Come for the nudity!" he quips. "Come for the sack. Stay for the action!"

■ Passengers is released on Wednesday, December 21



FOOD&DRINK



Yule be loving these festive favourites...

favourite parts of the Christmas period and our willing taste testers have been sampling a range of chocolate yule logs to see which one wins their vote.

TESCO FINEST - £3

WHAT OUR TASTERS SAID:

"Now, that is the finest."
"Great sponge, good taste, just enough cream

'A solid effort, tasty and chocolately.

"Over-rated. Nice cream, but too fancy. Very rich. **AVERAGE SCORE: 7/10**

PENGUIN YULE LOGS - around £1 WHAT OUR TASTERS SAID:

"Bit dry, but decent flavour. Poor ioke on the wrapper.

"A con...just a worse tasting mini roll.

"Bland and uninspired." "Horrendous taste

"Tastes of cheap chocolate, nasty aftertaste."

"Minging."

AVERAGE SCORE: 3/10

CADBURY TRIPLE CHOCOLATE YULE

LOGS - around £2 WHAT OUR TASTERS SAID:

"Stingy with the chocolate disappointing.

"Similar to a mini roll, but lots more flavour.



"Very rich, but a marked improvement on Penguin's

AVERAGE SCORE: 6/10

WHAT OUR TASTERS SAID: "Straight in the bin. Bitter taste.

Fell apart when cutting a slice."
"Can't think of much that was

good."
"OK, bitter aftertaste." "Very plain, bit dry. Crumbly." AVERAGE SCORE: 4/10

TESCO CHOCOLATE YULE LOG - £1 WHAT OUR TASTERS SAID:

"Good chocolate taste, best of

the three similar logs. Moist sponge.

"What you'd expect from a budget yule log. Tasty enough, no frills, but a little plain." **AVERAGE SCORE: 6/10**

SAINSBURY'S CHOCOLATE LOG -£1.50

WHAT OUR TASTERS SAID:

"Crispy on outside, soft and moist inside. Good work." "Moist sponge, chocolate fell off before it got to my mouth. Flavour OK. Pretty standard. "Nice rich chocolate flavour. AVERAGE SCORE: 7/10

MARKS AND SPENCER HAND DECORATED CHOCOLATE YULE

LOG - £6

WHAT OUR TASTERS SAID:

"Rich in chocolate, maybe not as moist as I would have liked." "Loads of chocolate which is never a bad thing."

"Chocolatey goodness. Very rich and delicious

"Very smooth, chocolatey taste. Very filling."

"Sponge slightly dry, it's all about the butter cream which is fab." "Sponge dry, flavour incredible." **AVERAGE SCORE:** 8/10











and gran reserva



WITH a few days to go before Christmas Day let's make sure we have the bubbles sorted!

PROSECCO LA MARCA **CUVEE NV DOCG** (MAJESTIC WINE)

I've worked my way through a lot of prosecco (I know what a hard job) but this is by far my favourite

Usually I find prosecco quite citrussy but this one is packed with layers of soft stone fruit flavours such as and apple character with a beautifully

balanced sweetness.

Light and frothy bubbles from tank method production add to

the enjoyable drinking experience. This prosecco would be the perfect match to a melon and Parma ham starter or for drinking with those left over cold meats on Boxing Day.

SINGLE BOTTLE PRICE: £13.99 MIX SIX PRICE:

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2012 CAVA (MAJESTIC WINE)

What I find most special about cava is that it is made in the same delicate 'traditional method' as Champagne.

From the handpicking of the grapes to the aging of the wine in the bottle, cava ticks all the hoxes

The Juve Y Camps Family base its cavas purely on reserva



Champagne, and is bottle aged for 40 months before release adding to the complexity of toasty, citrus and brioche notes. This is also a

vintage cava so the best grapes from the best vintage are used. It's a fantastic

alternative to Champagne with a much lesser price tag.

SINGLE BOTTLE PRICE: £14.99 MIX SIX PRICE:

RUINART BLANC DE BLANC

I will always scream and shout about this Champagne because it is just

simply incredible!

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Montagne Des Reims Terroirs, which are the Terroirs most

famous for growing first class Chardonnay for Champagne.

> Ruinart Blanc De Blanc has delicate flavours of jasmine, white peaches and has a beautiful creaminess that is just divine and screams elegance.

With a slightly more expensive price tag, I promise you it is worth it. Treat vourself, it is Christmas

SINGLE BOTTLE PRICE:

MIX SIX PRICE: £49.99

harlowstar.co.uk HSH-EO1-S2 Star, Thursday, December 22, 2016



Stephen's bad mood is good for a laugh

TEPHEN K Amos is feeling annoyed. Trump, Brexit and social media trolls have all fuelled the comedian's rage as he continues his World Famous

The BBC panel show regular will perform at Harlow Playhouse on Friday, February 10.

"For the first time in a long time, I am feeling really annoyed," he said. "So when I've been trying out new stuff with audiences, I've been warning them, 'you know what, I'm pretty annoyed at people'. And for some reason they all laugh at that, perhaps because I'm not normally seen as a confrontational type.

"I'm in despair about the world at the moment. I am mainly annoyed at what people are prepared to say and do on social

"I see some of my comedy friends on Twitter getting into conversations with complete strangers, but what is the point? If you don't like my stuff you don't have to go online to tell me.

If there has always been one unside to the doom and gloom it is that bad news always gives some good comic material.

Stephen kicked off World Famous on Friday, November 4 in Winchester and will be continuing until Saturday, February 25 when he performs for the final time in London's Soho Theatre.

He added: "There are so many other things to get excited about that effect all of us. Britain having a new Prime Minister that we haven't voted for or

Trump as leader of the free world.

"The only good thing about hearing that people voted Brexit or that there are people who would vote for Trump is knowing that those people are out there in my audience.

"Gone are the days when you had like-minded friends who share all your beliefs and now you just can't preach to the converted. That makes for a great challenge to me as a performer.

"I'm not one of those comics who say something just to create debate or whatever. I'll back up what I say or believe in and I'm open to hearing your point of view without abuse or denigration and with respect.

"I don't mind that description at all. It's very much a conscious thing as I'm aware of the perception of me being a very happy-go-lucky, carefree sort of guy.

"But I have a point of view and sometimes I want to make a statement about something. However, I never forget that it's a comedy show and people have paid to laugh; I don't want to just stand in front of an audience who will simply agree with everything I say.

"I want to throw spanners in the works and have a mixture of people in front of me of different ages and from different backgrounds.

"I want them all to be laughing at the same things, and when you've done that, with thought and humour, then you're onto a winning streak.'

Tickets start from £16. For bookings and more information visit harlowplayhouse.co.uk or call (01279) 431945.

GIG GUIDE:

DJS TONY B AND JAMES The Herald, Broadley Road, Harlow

CHARLIE'S AUNT

Harlow War Memorial Snooker and Social Club, Garden Terrace Road, Harlow CHRISTMAS EVE PARTY

CHRISTMAS EVE PARTY The Essex Skipper, The Stow,

MISS MORGAN

Burnt Mill Snooker and Social Club, Edinburgh Way, Harlow

REPERTOIRE DOGS

The Shark, Hodings Road,

HOWLIN' GEORGE

The Herald, Broadley Road, Harlow

CHRIS TALBOT

Small Copper, Momples Road,

DANCE PARTY PLUS Canons Brook Golf Club, Canons Brook, Harlow WANNABES KARAOKE The Shark, Hodings Road,

NEW YEAR'S EVE DISCO

Harlow War Memorial Snooker and Social Club. Garden Terrace

Road, Harlow THE SQUARE NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

The Square, Fourth Avenue, Harlow NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY WITH OLD

SKOOL The Essex Skipper, The Stow,

Harlow **WEAV. ASH TERRELL AND ANDY LEE** Purple Emperor, Burgoyne Hatch, Harlow

Small Copper, Momples Road

Top Hat are on top of their game



ALL SINGING ALL DANCING: Top Hat performers

YOUNG actors and dancers at Top Hat Essex gave The Wizard Of Oz a musical update in their Christmas production.

Dorothy And The Wicked Wizz allowed the group, who practise at Mark Hall Academy, Harlow, to show off their three age groups.

A spokeswoman from the dance, drama and singing company, said: "It was a great show, children performed and acted very

professionally. It showcased the local talent.'

Top Hat members are now looking ahead to their next production Musical Moments, which contains a mixture of numbers and dance routines from West End shows such as Rent and Hairspray.

A free open day and trial will be held on Saturday, January 14 at Mark Hall Academy.

Crossing Boundaries sees two media work in harmony



and Caroline Fish are showcasing their works in a contrasting exhibition next

Crossing Boundaries. which will be showing at Parndon Mill Gallery in Harlow, blends Jane's oil paintings and Caroline's ceramics.

But while both women work with different media, their pieces are complimentary.

Jane's creations frequently take inspiration from the Suffolk landscape and she believes in the underlying importance and discipline of regular observational drawing.

Caroline, meanwhile, is

The full line-up has yet to be

revealed but it will contain a

selection of DJs occupying the

shapes within a landscape The fellow Suffolk artist is also keen to explore how the natural and manmade can interact, for instance how a telegraph wire can cut

She uses the warmth and softness of red earthenware clay and the potential it offers for painted decoration. Building up slips and glaze in layers adds depth and colour, allowing the subtlety of the clay to show through.

through a view.

Crossing Boundaries will show from Thursday, January 12 to Sunday, February 19.

The gallery typically opens Tuesday to Friday from 10am to 5pm and on Sunday from 2pm to 4pm.

Be there and be at the

of the venue. Tickets, costing thesquareharlow.com

Singer is looking forward to a happy and busy new year

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HARLOW-born singer Sarah Croft is hoping 2017 will be a happy one for her band The Hallows.

The alternative pop trio, who draw inspiration from Muse, Kate Bush and Portishead, have just released their latest single, Cardboard Love, ahead of new album Of Time And

The release date of Friday, January 13 marks the next step in a long process for front-woman Sarah who has a prolific history as the backing singer for Hafdis Huld – and has supported Paolo Nutini Mika Bloc Party and played at Glastonbury.

Sarah has close ties with bandmates Dave and Joe with the three meeting at university.

But in forming The Hallows the three have set out on another adventure which has already seen all hands on deck in making the music video for Cardboard Love which went online on Friday



HALLOWED GROUND: The Hallows

December 2 via Soundcloud.

■ To hear the song and find out more information about the group visit the website soundcloud.com/the-hallows official/cardboard-lov

of its management, has had its ups and downs this year. (you guessed it) Saturday, December 31, to make sure 2016 But all are invited to the

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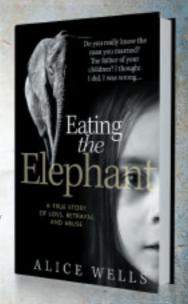
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- A cruise on Loch Katrine aboard SS 'Sir Walter Scott'
- Two three-course evening meals
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- Coach travel from the local area
- · Escorted by a friendly tour manager



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			LAST WEEK	'S SOLUTIONS			
					Totalized	: EASY=74 MEDIUM=	350 HARDER=1155
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SUDOKU

Fill in the grid in such a way that every row and column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1-9.

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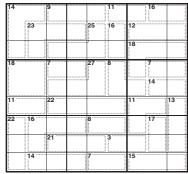
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For Killer Sudoku, the normal rules of Sudoku apply. However, in addition, the digits in each inner shape (marked by dotted lines) must add up to the number in the top corner of the shape.

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

19 Trapped by routine in a

21 Average distress call

23 Colonist who pays his

25 Playthings – two, yes

28 Long time in larder to

30 Wild animal makes for

31 Brave, in a fraud that's

gone wrong (8)

noisy golf course (4)

without centres (4)

27 Self-esteem carried by the

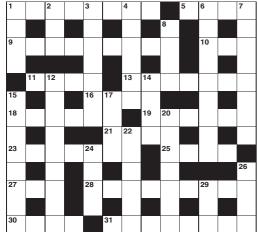
make splendid display (9)

bills? (7)

good (3)

Turin settlement (2.1.3)

comes to nothing (2-2)



ACROSS

- 1 Applaud catch? Nonsense (8)
- Stored by android, each thought (4)
- 9 Current holder required (9)
- 10 Thus far, beast lacks tail (3)
- 11 Part of fragrant Indian city (4)
- 13 Channel Edward abandoned (7)
- 16 Not far from being stingy (4)
- 18 Gail or different girl (6)

DOWN

- 1 Swindle involving single copper (4)
- 2 King Bill going around the bend (3)
- 3 Paint I'm mixing in drums (7)
- 4 Woman holds information list (6)
- 6 Drink upsets Rhys in Northern Ireland city (3,6)
- Substance needed when poisoned, maybe not a diet! (8)
- 8 Good man on film to leave the script as it is (4)
- 12 Forsaken but spirited community? (5,4)
- 14 Flower satirised but not fully satisfied (4)
- 15 Fine finish, though might one have cracked? (8)
- 17 See a change for leisure (4)
- 20 Less than fair share. certainly! (3,4)
- 22 Or gone away on pioneering Wild West Trail (6)
- 24 Look to gym lesson to make great strides (4)
- 26 Ogled, I'd say (4)
- 29 Drink through side, but not end (3)

PATHFINDER

HSH-EO1-S2

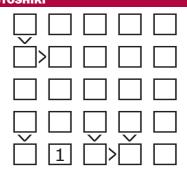
Beginning with the highlighted square, follow a continuous path to find the listed T,R,Y words. The trail passes through each and every letter once and may twist up, down or sideways but never diagonally.

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FUTOSHIK

Each line across and down is to be filled with the numbers 1 to 5 The same number cannot occur more than once in any line.



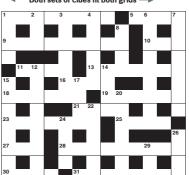
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The 25-second ultimate challenge from Puzzler Brain Trainer. Follow the instructions from left to right, starting with the number given to reach an answer at the end.

EASY 16	x 2	+ 4	x 2	÷ 9	х 6	DOUBLE IT	÷8	x 5	÷6	ANSWER
MEDIUM 34	TRIPLE IT	+ 18	+7/8 OF	+ 5	DOUBLE IT	+ 5	−2/3 OF IT	- 25	x 2	ANSWER
HARDER 151	- 79	÷ 12	CUBE	x 4	÷ 16	−5/6 OF	CUBE	+ 3	−¹/3 OF IT	ANSWER

QUICK CROSSWORD

■ Both sets of clues fit both grids →



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ACROSS DOWN

- Prehistorio 1 Blast! (4) animal (8) 2 Nurses'
- 5 Parts of a play (4) 9 Forces an
- entry (7,2) ___ Gardner, 1950s actress (3)
- Stereo equipment (2-2)
- 13 Car light (3,4)
- 16 Irish . dish (4)
- Barton, The OC actress (6) 18
- Magazine boss (6)
- 21 Sheet of glass (4) 23 Citrus fruits (7)
- 25 Lie in wait (4)
- 27 Add (up) (3)
- 28 Without noise (9)
- 24 Nasty cut (4) 26 Supermarket 30 Periods of 24
- hours (4) 31 Blood feud (8)

employer (inits)(3)

3 Not willing to

share (7)

4 Not secure (6)

6 Personality (9)

7 Runs quickly (8)

8 Drawback (4)

12 At once (9)

actor (4)

15 Brought into the

country (8)

17 Cassette (4)

20 Misguided (7)

22 Guarantee (6)

14 Clive

- chain (4)
- 29 Have a meal (3)



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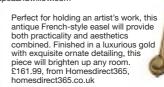
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The image is taken from a photograph of the moon as seen from the UK, showing all the familiar craters and mountains in full textural detail. £110, from Betsy Benn Designs, betsybenn.co.uk





(Right) A modern faceted gold

pendant light that would suit an

industrial chic

interior. £395, from Alexander &



(Above) A luxury gold silk cushion with contrasting red and green crocheted detail. Limited edition. Comes complete with cushion pad (UK only). £68, from Nutmeg and Sage, nutmegandsage.co.uk

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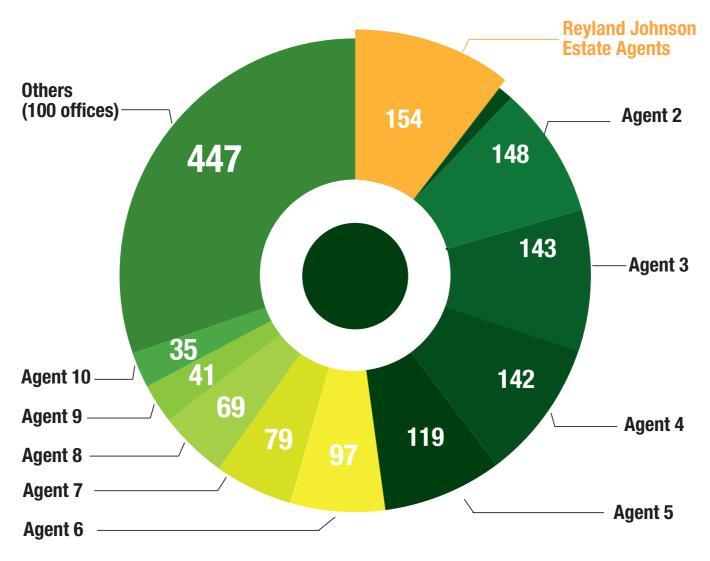


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- Lounge Kitchen
- Garden
- Bathroom

• Viewings advised

£265,000 SOLD STC





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- Garden
- GardenLounge/DinerParkingKitchenBathroomNo chain

£260,000 SOLD STC





STANDINGFORD, HARLOW

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By Edward Stephens

HEN Citroen decided to establish a completely separate brand with its DS models it dramatically broadened the choice for people looking for small up-market cars.

The DS stable offers buyers models that stand out in the car park for their distinctive looks and quality build.

And nowhere is that more true than with the DS 4 Crossback.

This sleek five-seater has the appearance of a coupe thanks to

the cleverly concealed handles in the rear doors which help create the car's svelte look.

Improving that look are the 18-inch Brisbane Black high gloss alloy wheels which are part of the extra equipment you get on the Prestige version of this car over the Elegance.

Step inside and the business-like interior immediately impresses with full leather upholstery, a stylish dashboard and intuitive switchgear.

The front seats are not only heated but come with a back massaging feature to ensure you don't end a long journey with

There is space for three in the back but it's a little snug and legroom is not the most generous. And surprisingly you can't open the rear windows on this model.

But perhaps the most surprising feature of my test car was the engine.

Get behind the wheel and you would swear you were driving a 1.6-litre or 1.8-litre model. Yet beneath the bonnet lurked a turbocharged direct injection three-cylinder, 1.2-litre developing 130bhp.

The PureTech petrol engine has been a real breakthrough for the company with its compact dimensions, low weight yet ability to deliver more power while still keeping emissions at a low level.

In fact these qualities won it the coveted International Engine of the Year 2015.

On the road the performance completely belies the engine's size. Put your right foot down hard and it delivers instantly.

You can hear it's a three-cylinder but only just, as the note has a more sporty sound than anything intrusive and adds to the pleasure of driving this car. The bonus is that this engine will allow you to average some 54 miles per gallon, a figure more normally associated with diesel rather than petrol engines.

At the same time it will hit 62 miles per hour in a very respectable 9.9 seconds and go on to a top speed of 123mph.

You have to rev it hard to get the best performance out of it but it's a gutsy unit that really does deliver. I did find the six-speed gearbox a bit notchy however.

Despite the rakish roofline

vision out of the back window is good and reversing is made simple thanks to both parking sensors and a rear colour camera.

For the size of the car there is decent boot, offering 385 litres of space with the seatbacks in position and some 1021 with them lowered, which goes some way to make up for a glove box which is just about large enough to accommodate a packet of sweets.

But if you are looking for a car which is far from mainstream and delivers enjoyable driving the DS4 Crossback is well worth a look.

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white, 5dr, 31,000 miles, full red and white leather upholstery, cruise control, e/windows, e/mirrors, air con, built in Tom Tom

2012 Vauxhall Corsa SXi Ac 3dr Hatchback



13,000 miles, alloy wheels, power steering, electric windows, CD player, ABS, air conditioning, electric mirrors, one owner, multipli airbags, cruise control, remote central locking



5dr, silver, 35,000 miles, air con, CD player, e/windows, e/mirrors



2010 (60) Vauxhall Zafira Exclusive 1.7 CDTi

blue, CD player, air con, elwindows, elmirrors, privacy glass, 39,000

2005 Mercedes-Benz SLK Slk200 Kompressor



£7,995 57,000 miles, alloy wheels, power steering, parking sensors, electric windows, remote central locking, ABS, full conditioning, full leather, electric mirrors, CD player, multiple airbags, cruise control, heated seats, electric retractable hard top, one owner



2013 (13) Smart FourTwo Convertible, blue/silver, air con, sat nav, e/mirrors, e/windows, alloys, remote central locking, zero road tax £5.695

EXECUTIVE

2011 (61) Audi A7 3.0 Tdi Automatic.

black, alloy wheels, air con, e/windows, e/mirrors, cruise control, reversing camera, parking sensors, full leather heated seats, sat nav, remote locking, 36,000 miles only

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2011 (61) Nissan Juke 1.5 Dci. alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, heated leather seats, cruise control, sat nav, reversing camera, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, one owner, 36,000 miles only

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2005 (05) Mercedes SLK200 Kompressor, blue, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, heated leather seats, cruise control, parking sensors, e/hood, e/windows, e/mirrors, one owner, 57,000 miles only was £8,995 now £7,995

SALOON & HATCHBACK

2011 (61) Nissan Juke 1.5 Dci, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, heated leather seats, cruise control, sat nav, reversing camera, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, one owner, 36,000 miles only

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2011 (61) Peugeot 3008 1.6 Dci, grey, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, 31,000 miles only

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red, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, cruise control, parking sensors, touch screen display, e/windows, e/mirrors, 19,000

miles only was £7,995 now SOLD 2009 (58) Ford Fiesta 1.2,

red, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, 40,000 miles

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CD player, 53,000 miles was £6.495 now £5.695

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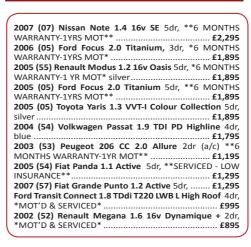




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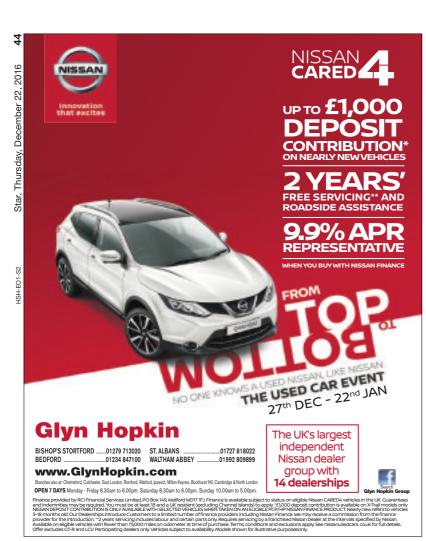
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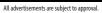
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An independent examination into Essex County Council and Southend-on-Sea Borough Council Replacement Waste Local Plan is currently underway. Following public hearing sessions, held in September/October 2016, the Authorities have made a request to the Inspector to make several modifications (changes), which are necessary to make the plan sound and appropriate for adoption. These proposed modifications will be available for public consultation from Thursday 5 January until Thursday 16 February 2017.

This is a focused consultation, with representations on the potential modifications and the supporting addendum reports to the Site Assessment and Methodology Report and the Sustainability Appraisal to be taken into account in the Inspector's report. Any response which refers to other aspects of the Replacement Waste Local Plan or the evidence base will not be considered The Replacement Waste Local Plan, once adopted, will form part of the Development Plan for Essex and will replace the Essex Waste Local Plan, which was adopted in 2001. Once adopted, the Plan will set out the vision and policy governing waste development in Essex until 2032. The Plan outlines the vision, objectives and spatial strategy to enable the delivery of sustainable waste development and sets out policies to manage waste. The Plan allocates 19 sites and designates 31 Areas of Search for future management facilities.

The consultation documents (Schedule of Modifications, Site Assessment and Methodology Report Addendum and the Sustainability Appraisal Addendum) are available to view at the following locations:

- Online at www.essex.gov.uk/WLP and www.southend.gov.uk/wastelocalplan At County Hall, Chelmsford from Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm by
- appointment via mineralsandwastepolicy@essex.gov.uk or 03330 139 808. At the Civic Centre, Southend from Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm by appointment via debeeskinner@southend.gov.uk or 01702 215408.

Paper copies of the Schedule of Modifications are available to view at:

- Essex district, borough and city council offices please contact direct for opening hours
- Essex and Southend-on-Sea libraries please contact direct for opening hours Please note that free internet access to the Sustainability Appraisal Addendum and Site Assessment and Methodology Report Addendum is available at these

Comments to this consultation are invited during a six-week period from 5 January to 16 February 2017 and must be received by 17:00 on 16 February. Comments can be submitted in any of the following ways:

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Planning Application **Town and Country Planning Act 1990** (As Amended) **Town and Country Planning** (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015

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Consultation on this application is open until 26 January 2017.

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www.essex.gov.uk/Minerals-Waste-Planning-Team/ Andrew Cook, Director for Operations, Environment and Economy, Essex County Council, Minerals & Waste Planning, Planning & Environment, E3 County Hall, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1QH

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Application No HW/HSE/16/00546 Ward: Old Harlow

Application Type Householder Application

Location 23 Churchgate Street, Harlow, Essex CM17 0JT Proposal Single-storey rear extension replacing existing

conservatory.

Reason for Advert Listed Building in a Conservation Area
Application No HW/FUL/16/00414 Ward: Little Parndon and Hare Street

Application Type Full Application

Location Princess Alexandra Hospital, Hamstel Road, Harlow, Essex Proposal Construction of a two-storey building for an acute unplanned emergency care assessment and short stay unit over two floors with

assessment dównstairs. Reason for Advert Local Public Interest



ARIES MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

You have spent far more time worrying about what might happen than what actually is occurring. Come on Aries, you love this time of year, so don't let those difficult faces push you into things you don't want to do. Venus promises you the power to seduce in love, so use it where you will. This is one month where you get

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TAURUS APRIL 21 - MAY 21

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GEMINI MAY 22 - JUNE 21

This week you'll be tempted to say whatever comes into your head, which is sure to see you getting into all sorts of dramas. The good to come from all of this is that to see you getting into all sorts of your mind resolved. The issue can no longer be swept under the carpet. Everyone, including you, can move on. Ring now to hear how Mercury adds your finances.

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CANCER JUNE 22 – JULY 22

It's all about attitude this week Cancer. Try only to say what you know to be fact, rather than what is simply idle gossip. If not, you could end up placing a permanent distance between you and someone you only just got back on track with. The home comes under the spotlight as you're asked to host a really exciting gathering. Ring now to make life and love exciting. gathering. Ring now to make life and love exciting.

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LIBRA SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 23

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Lucky Layne escapes horror tackle injury

Yiga and Noto help Hawks beat stubborn Merstham

By Matt Storey

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DANNY CHAPMAN was relieved Layne Eadie escaped a serious injury after he was on the end of a horror tackle from Mark Okoye during Harlow Town's 2-1 victory

over Merstham.

Okoye was sent off after 35 minutes for hacking down Eadie with a high and late tackle on the halfway line.

It proved a pivotal moment as the Hawks took the lead just five minutes later through Lawrence Yiga, and Mario Noto netted their winner ten minutes from time, Merstham's consolation came in the 89th minute.

Chapman was pleased the defender had managed to lift his leg off the floor before contact was

"It was a bad tackle but I think Layne has managed to lift himself off the floor before it came in," explained the manager.

Planted

"If Layne's leg stays planted when the player comes through then it could have been a hell of a lot worse than it was.

"Sometimes it can be harder to play against ten men and the first half hour had been pretty even.

"I thought we had a good work rate about us and a good intent. We were a little bit sloppy in possession and kept giving the

"We pretty much dominated the second half, albeit we didn't create a massive amount of chances but we always looked in control of the game."
There were two changes to the

side that lost 5-2 at Leiston on Saturday, with Khale Da Costa and Noto replacing Jared Small and Fabion Simms. Harlow keeper David Hughes

Harlow keeper David Hugnes had to be alert early on to deny Kershaney Samuels after a neat through ball from Dan Bennett. Bennett also fired wide of Hughes' left-hand post from 12-



ON TARGET: Lawrence Yiga (right) gave the Hawks a first half lead against Merstham

yards out, after good work from Dan Hector on the right.

Da Costa then stole the ball off the Merstham centre-backs and squared it for Alex Read, but the prolific striker scooped the ball over from just six yards out.

Okoye saw red for his tackle and the Hawks made their extra man

count shortly after.

Merstham again tried to play the ball out from the back, but Da

Costa pounced on a loose pass and fed Yiga, who took one touch before finding the bottom corner. The Hawks missed numerous

chances to extend their lead in the second half.

Da Costa could not direct Eadie's cross on target, and Noto scuffed an effort wide from close

But with ten minutes to go they finally doubled their advantage.

Substitute Small beat his man before crossing across the face of goal where Noto slid in and converted from just two yards out.

The visitors never gave up. however, and pulled a goal back in the 89th minute. Tutu Henriques found himself unmarked at the back post to head past Hughes.

There were four minutes of added-on time, but Harlow held on comfortably and picked up the

three points.
After last Tuesday's defeat to Needham Market, Harlow suffered more pain on their travels with a 5-2 defeat at Leiston on Saturday.

Small gave the Hawks an early lead, but Leiston scored twice before the break, and then added to their tally three times after before Ryan Melaugh's consola-tion goal late on.

marvellous

RUNNING

Runners are just muddy

HARLOW Running Club competed in the second round of the East Herts and West Essex Cross Country League on Sunday on a muddy five mile course at Ware.

The league consists of teams from Harlow RC, Bishop's Stortford RC, Hoddesdon Tri, Saffron Walden Striders, Saffron Walden Tri and Ware Joggers, with the final league winners going on to compete in a national final.

On the day both ladies' and

men's teams finished in fifth place, which combined to give them fifth overall.

It means that after two races,

HRC are in fourth place.
Sharon Wright was first home for Harlow in the ladies' race, finishing in seventh place out 82 finishers in 37min 48sec.

She was followed home by Carinne Jay 18th in 40:00, Celia Haigh 33rd in 43:51 and Anna Robey 35th in 44:15.

Excellent

In the men's race Rob Lowe finished in eighth place out of 111 finishers in an excellent

He was followed by Owen Haigh 35th in 34:31, Ryan Smith 36th in 34:32, Jamie Jephcott 37th in 34:36 and Darren Tiley 38th in 34:37.

Meanwhile at the Greenwich Park 10K, Sean Flynn finished in 82nd place out of 529 finishers in 46:55 and Andy Kinney was 241st

in 55:07. In the 5K event, Lorraine Knight came home in 53rd place out of 236 finishers, in 28:03. At the Harlow parkrun 5K

Afewerk Rossom was once again victorious in first place out of 123 finishers in a fantastic 17:14. just 11 seconds outside the club U20 record.

He was followed by Craig Segal third in 20:01, Terry Ridge 17th in 22:19, Catherine Ridge 22nd and second female in 23:11, Graham Saville 24th in 23:20, Andy Smith 33rd in 24:25, Spencer Brooks 35th in 24:43, Paul Dixon 36th in 24:50, Martin Westley 37th in 24:54.

Debbie Barry was 52nd and first female V55 in 26:29, Louise Cootes finished 57th in 26:42, Martin Elven 59th in 27:16, Austin Nyamande 64th in 28:44, Alan Wellbelove 70th in 29:13, Pushpa Mistry 79th in 31:14 and Hossein Erfani 102nd and first V65 in 34:24.

Dramatic win for Leopards

BASKETBALL: Levett Essex Leopards head into the Christmas break on a high after a thrilling 87-86 victory against Lancashire Spinners, on Sunday. The Big Cats overcame a slow

start and cut an early ten-point deficit to trail only 24-21 at the first break, but they were 50-38 down at half-time. There was little sign of a

comeback until three minutes before the end of the third period when AJ Robert launched a 10-2 run, and a Darrell Bethune layup cut the deficit to 67-65 at the final break.

Mark Rangeley put Spinners ahead by one going into the final play, but Tosin Oyelese sunk a shot from just inside the foul line to give Leopards the win.

Quartet are Herts champions

Table tennis

FOUR players from BATTS Table Tennis Club were crowned county table tennis champions at the Level 3 Herts School Games, representing The Bishop's Stortford High School.

Finley Cameron-Prior (13, Year 9), Charlie Read (14, Year 9), Kamran Virdee (13, Year 9) and Alexander Howard (12, Year 8) represented the Birchwood Sports Partnership (BSP) in the boys' U16 competition.

Eleven secondary schools from all over Hertfordshire competed at the event in Watford, with four students in each team

representing their respective sports partnerships.

They successfully got through

the first round against four schools, with victory in each taking them into the semi-finals

They cruised through that contest with a 7-1 win against Townsend School, St Albans, which took them into the finals

A successful 6-2 win against Hitchin Boys' School in the final claimed the overall title for them as Hertfordshire county champions, capping off a real team effort, with all the boys playing at their best.

The team train three times a week at BATTS and their

them on to organise a team from The Bishop's Stortford High School to represent the Birchwood Sports Partnership. Neil Brierley from BATTS

passion for the sport spurred

supported the students throughout the tournament.

Finley, Charlie, Kamran and Alexander will go through to represent the Birchwood Sports Partnership in the Zone Finals, which take place on Sunday,

January 15 in Tower Hamlets. BATTS, based in Harlow, who have former number one England junior Peter Cleminson in their coaching staff, welcomes new members. See www.batts.org.uk for details.



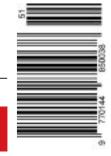
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Hawks boss wants three points on Boxing Day

unbeaten in all competitions before defeats at Needham Market last Tues-day and Leiston on Saturday, but

home win from ten Ryman Premier League games on Tuesday evening, beating ten-men Merstham 2-1 thanks to goals from Lawrence Yiga and Mario Noto.

They now sit ninth in the table and are just five points outside the play-off

After they went on a poor run of form two months ago, winning just once in nine games, Chapman was aware of the importance of the Mer-

"The most important thing was the result," admitted Chapman.

"Obviously you want the performance to go with that, but the main thing was to make sure we didn't get caught up in that bad run that we had

"It was important to break that sequence, and fair play to the boys, that was what we asked for and that is

"We can go into Christmas looking in the right direction now."

Chapman has spoken about the unpredictable nature of the league this year and the Hawks travel to Enfield Town on Boxing Day, before hosting Leatherhead on New Year's Eve and Canvey Island on January 2.

But the box does not beligne accel.

But the boss does not believe a good, or bad, Christmas period will determine whether the Hawks challenge for

the play-offs, or have to settle for a mid-table finish come the end of the season

He explained: "Usually, in most years, I would say that it can shape your season, but this league is just so up and down with everyone beating

everyone.

"You might not have the best Christmas period but then you win three games in January and all of a middle way." In back, in the mix carin, and all of a middle way." In back, in the mix carin, and all of a middle way." In back, in the mix carin, and all of a middle way." In back, in the mix carin, and a middle way." In back, in the mix carin, and a middle way." In back, in the mix carin, and a middle way." In back, in the mix carin, and a middle way. sudden you're back in the mix again.

"I think it's important for us as a group more than anything.

"We had that good run, then we had two defeats, but if we can go and have a good three games over the Christmas and New Year period then that should put us in good stead going forward."

Best

Merstham had a man sent off on Tuesday night, but it was not until the 79th minute that Noto scored and gave the Hawks a two-goal advantage. Chapman does not believe his side were at their best in the game.

He added: "We did OK, we got the win, but I still think there is more to

us than what we showed.

"We always try to press high and we succeeded in doing that.

"The goalkeeper then has to start kicking longer which gives you more opportunity to win the ball back and that was the plan."

The Harlow boss believes that the

team owed the supporters a big per-formance after the weekend's disappointment

"Leiston are another team that liked to play out from the back and we stopped that from happening, but we let ourselves down on Saturday and we let the supporters down as well."

Wing wonder Khale loving life at Town

KHALE DA COSTA notched up another assist for Harlow Town in their 2-1 victory over Merstham on Tuesday night.

The winger signed for the Hawks two months ago, and has been in red hot form ever since scoring four times in ten games.
It may surprise those who

have seen him in the red and white of Harlow that, by his own admission, he was struggling for form at the start of the season.

He said: "I was not in the best

of form before I joined to be

"I played against Harlow for Hendon [in the 2-2 draw on September 22] and luckily I played a good game and the manager liked what he saw.

"It has been great. Everyone has helped me out, the gaffer's [Danny Chapman] got my back and everyone has welcomed me in, so I'm just enjoying my football so far." And he was quick to praise his

team-mates for helping him to hit the ground running and turn his form around.

"It's the people I'm playing with and just hard work," added

the winger.
"I'm staying behind after training, putting extra effort in and doing the bits that make the

difference on the pitch. "Down the right flank with Craig Pope or Mario Noto, they support me and they're good partnerships down the wing.

After bouncing back from two successive league defeats on Tuesday night, Da Costa echoed his manager's belief that they can go on another unbeaten streak, similar to the 12 game run they were on before last Tuesday's defeat.

"We're confident enough to go back on another run like that,"

he added.
"We've got the quality and we can play, we're all positive about doing that and there is a real

The Hawks have three games over the Christmas and New Year period and Da Costa admitted that life as a footballer is tough at this time of year.

"It's always difficult, you want to stuff your face, but you've got to work through it. Football comes first, definitely."

Harlow stay top of tree

RUGBY: Harlow confirmed their place at the top of London Three North East with a convincing 46-20 win over Stowmarket.

Jack Christie, Ross Stalley and Danny Smith helped them into a

22-8 lead at the break. Kain Claridge crossed soon after half-time, but the visitors hit back with two tries of their own to make it 29-20.

Alfie Clark, Danny Fitzgerald and Stalley all crossed the whitewash in the final stages to confirm Harlow's 26 point win.